

The present text of this Preliminary Amendment includes amended Claim 1 as it was amended in above-referenced PCT application in the Reply to the Written Opinion, mailed October 19, 2001.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 2 through 5. with the following paragraph:

-- RELATED APPLICATIONS

A1 This application is a continuation of PCT/US00/19960 filed 20 July 2000, which claims the benefit of 60/145,044 filed 22 July 1999, the teachings of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. - - -

Amendments to the specification are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages i).

In the Claims

Please amend Claim 1. Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages i and ii).

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1. (Amended) A method of identifying a cDNA construct wherein the cDNA construct expresses a tagged polypeptide having a biochemical activity of interest comprising the steps of:
 - a) preparing a tagged cDNA expression library comprising bacterial cells comprising tagged cDNA plasmid constructs;